GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:38
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APPROVAL OF ELEVENTH PLAN BY NDC
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Development Council has given its final approval to the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has decided to change the industrial policy of the country during the years 2007-12 to develop it on the basis of priority to the labour intensive techniques;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the details of the policy decisions taken to accelerate the overall development of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 38 BY SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN" and SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN FOR ANSWER ON 27.02.2008 REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELEVENTH PLAN BY NDC

(a) & (b): The National Development Council met on 19th December, 2007 and approved the draft Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12). The broad vision of the 11th Plan includes several inter related components: rapid growth that reduces poverty and creates employment opportunities, increases access to essential services in health and education specially for the poor & disadvantaged, enhances equality of opportunity, empowerment through education and skill development and environmental sustainability;

(c) to (e): The Eleventh Five Year Plan aims to generate 10% growth in Industry and even higher growth in manufacturing to, inter alia, not only provide for additional job opportunities needed to absorb some of the surplus labour in rural workforce but also generate employment for the new entrants that are expected to join the labour force, both in rural and urban areas. The Eleventh Plan considers the micro and small enterprises sector as an engine for sustained and inclusive economic growth and employment. Improvement of physical infrastructure, supply of quality electrical power, skill development, upgradation of technology, adopting modern manufacturing methods, achieving economy of scales, credit to industries, particularly for micro, medium and small industries etc., are some of the measures to accelerate industrial development of the country.